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REMARKS

The Examiner called Applicant on March 26, 2003 and indicated that there was a numbering problem in the claims. Applicant has reviewed the claims and amended the claims to eliminate the inadvertent numbering problem as indicated above. Applicant thanks the Examiner for taking the time to make the call and give Applicant the opportunity to file this preliminary amendment.

Applicant also notes that on March 5, 2003 Applicant filed another preliminary amendment in this case to correct the cross reference information in the case. Because the Examiner indicated that this application was reconstituted recently at the Patent Office and Applicant is unsure if the previous preliminary amendment is now part of the file, Applicant re-indicates the cross reference amendment here. Specifically, the cross reference information should indicate that:

"[0001] This is a continuation in part of U.S. patent application No. 09/185,137 which was filed on November 3, 1998 and is entitled "Multi-vial Medication Organizer and Dispenser" now patent No. 6,259,654 and which was a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application No. 09/168,783 which was filed on October 8, 1998 titled "Medication Dispensing Machine Cassette With Interactive Information Strip" which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent No. 5,852,590 entitled "Interactive Label for Medication Containers and Dispensers" which issued on December 22, 1998. This is also a continuation in part of U.S. patent application No. 10/627,987 which was filed on July 28, 2000 and is entitled "Interactive Medication Container". In addition, this is a continuation in part of U.S. patent application No. 09/168,783 which was filed on October 8, 1998 and which is entitled "Medication Dispensing Machine Cassette with Interactive Information Strip". Each of the above references are incorporated herein by reference."

If the previous preliminary amendment was lost, Applicant will re-submit the cross reference amendment formally.

Applicant has introduced no new matter in making the above amendments and antecedent basis exists in the specification and claims as originally filed for each amendment. In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes claims 1-158 of the present application recite patentable subject matter and allowance of the same is requested. No fee in addition to the fees already

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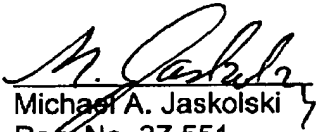
authorized in this and accompanying documentation is believed to be required to enter this amendment, however, if an additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 17-0055 in the amount of the fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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